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Thank you for your fax.

The strain you inquired about has been withdrawn by the depositor. Therefore, we regret we can not furnish it.

We are looking forward to our next opportunity to be helpful.

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